# CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

(Terms Expire January 1, 2007)

### **Governor**

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM. Northville

### Lieutenant Governor

JOHN D. CHERRY. JR., Clio

# Secretary of State

TERRI LYNN LAND, Byron Center

### Attorney General

MIKE Cox. Livonia

# APPOINTED OFFICERS

### State Treasurer

JAY B. RISING,1 Lansing

# Superintendent of Public Instruction

MICHAEL FLANAGAN,<sup>2</sup> Lansing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Appointed State Treasurer by Governor Jennifer Granholm for a term commencing on January 6, 2003; confirmed by the Senate on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education effective July 5, 2005.

# COUNTY



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, GOVERNOR JOHN D. CHERRY, JR., LT. GOVERNOR

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As Michigan's chief executive officer, the governor is responsible for managing state government to meet the needs of Michigan citizens and families. The governor sets overall policy direction for the executive branch, appoints most department directors and members of state boards and commissions, recommends the state budget to the legislature, and has numerous other responsibilities outlined by the Constitution of 1963 and state statutes.

The **lieutenant governor** performs gubernatorial functions in the governor's absence; presides over the state senate; provides a tie-breaking vote in the senate; serves as a member of the State Administrative Board; heads a number of task forces, commissions, and committees; assists the governor in formulating and implementing state policies and programs; and assists the Executive Office in working with the public and government agencies.

The Executive Office includes divisions that help both the governor and lieutenant governor serve the public. These various offices assist in managing state government, developing policy, and implementing new initiatives. The *Legislative Affairs Division* is responsible for working with the legislature to develop and pass bills necessary to implement the governor's agenda. The Public Policy Division works with the governor's cabinet and interested citizens and groups in developing new policy initiatives, and advises the governor on a wide range of issues. The **Communications Division** is responsible for media relations and for providing the public with news about state government. The Legal Division advises the governor on legal matters. The Appointments Division directs the process by which the governor selects candidates for appointment. The Constituent Services Division enables citizens to connect directly with the governor's office regarding policy concerns or assistance with state government services. The director for Special Projects assists and advises the governor on a variety of subjects. The Scheduling Division manages requests for the governor's time. The Operations and Information Tech**nology Division** handles logistics and personnel issues for Executive Office staff.

Additionally, the Governor's Office for Southeast Michigan and the Northern Michigan Office help the governor stay connected to constituents around the state. The Washington, D.C. **Office** represents Michigan's interests to congress and the president and advises the governor on important national issues. The *Office of the First Gentleman* focuses on volunteerism, mentoring, community service, leadership, and great workplace development.



# GOVERNOR JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM

Jennifer M. Granholm was elected the 47th governor of the State of Michigan in November 2002. Since taking office as the state's first woman chief executive, she has successfully resolved over \$4 billion in budget deficits and worked to ensure that state government spends every penny efficiently, while aggressively pursuing her top priorities: growing Michigan's economy and maintaining the state's high quality of life.

Governor Granholm's economic agenda includes creating thousands of jobs for Michigan workers this year by accelerating infrastructure projects, training unemployed workers for high-demand jobs, and diversifying Michigan's economy. Her comprehensive economic plan includes an unprecedented \$2 billion Jobs for Michigan Fund. Granholm has also reduced the red tape businesses face when seeking permits from the state. These efforts are helping Michigan to attract new business, with the number of small firms growing and seven companies opening new headquarters here in 2004.

In 2005, *Governing* magazine's Government Performance Project report, "Grading the States 2005," cited Michigan as an outstanding leader. This nationwide report card gave Michigan and the Granholm administration high marks in the areas of money, people, infrastructure, and information management. Only Virginia and Utah scored higher than Michigan.

Governor Granholm has focused on expanding health care coverage for 300,000 uninsured Michiganians through new federally qualified health care centers in Jackson and Detroit. Granholm saved the state nearly \$40 million in 2003 when she introduced the nation's first bulk-buying pool for prescription drugs; and, in 2004, she extended those savings to citizens by introducing the MiRx Card, which provides discount prescription drugs to uninsured families. Since 2003, Granholm has also enrolled nearly 50,000 additional children for health insurance through the Healthy Kids and MIChild programs.

Despite tough fiscal times, Granholm has increased spending for Michigan's public schools. The first in her family to attend college, Granholm has championed universal access to higher education. She successfully challenged state universities to hold the line on tuition increases and has proposed a first-in-the-nation program that would award \$4,000 to every Michigan student who completes two years of post-secondary education.

Granholm began her career in public service as a clerk for U.S. Judge Damon Keith on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1990, Granholm became a federal prosecutor in Detroit and, in 1994, Granholm was appointed Wayne County Corporation Counsel. In 1998, Granholm was elected as Michigan's first female Attorney General. In this post, he established the state's first High Tech Crime Unit to prosecute Internet crimes, led a multi-agency effort in response to the threats of terrorism after the September 11th attacks, and started a successful statewide mentoring initiative.

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Granholm is an honors graduate of both the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School. She serves as Vice Chair of the Democratic Governors Association and Chair of the National Governor's Association Health and Human Services Committee. She and her husband, Daniel G. Mulhem, have three children.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.

Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr. is a seasoned leader who has successfully worked to ensure that state government is efficient and shares Michigan's priorities.

With over 20 years of service in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative, State Senator, and Minority Leader, Cherry has received many awards and honors, including recognition from the Detroit News as one of Michigan's Most Effective Legislators. In 2005, Cherry was named the Conservationist of the Year by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and elected as Vice-Chair of the Great Lakes Commission — the highest ranking Michigan official in history to serve in this capacity. He also serves as Treasurer of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.

Cherry's focus on families and education has meant that more of Michigan's children have the opportunity to go to college. He has led the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, making a series of recommendations that have brought higher education into the larger discussion of creating and retaining jobs here in Michigan. He also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Midwest Higher Education Compact.

Cherry's interest in politics began as a teenager through organizing and political activism. He took a job as administrative assistant to former State Senator Gary Corbin, later serving as political director for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO until his election to the Michigan House.

As a legislator, Cherry focused on the issues that were most important to him — families, the quality of life in Michigan, the environment, and Michigan's great outdoors. He has authored and co-sponsored several milestone Michigan laws dealing with workers' rights, environmental protection, and conservation.

Cherry received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan in 1973 and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan - Flint in 1984. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Saginaw Valley State University and an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Central Michigan University.

Cherry is married to Pamela M. Faris. They have a daughter, Meghan, and a son, John Daniel. The family has an active interest in Springer Spaniels and Cherry is a member of the Eastern Michigan Springer Spaniel Association. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Cherry lives with his family in Genesee County.



SECRETARY OF STATE
TERRI LYNN LAND

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land was elected to serve as Michigan's 41st Secretary of State in November 2002 and took office on January 1, 2003.

Improved customer service, ensuring modern and efficient elections, and an expanded technology base are the hallmarks of her administration. She is committed to providing the highest possible level of customer service in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Land is making it easier for voters to participate in elections by implementing a uniform, statewide standard for voting systems and by leading the way in the enactment of Michigan's Consolidated Elections Law. Using technology to give customers more options is just one of the ways in which she is enhancing convenience and department efficiency.

Land believes that effective government thinks creatively. Upon taking office, Land immediately embarked on an ambitious schedule of visiting with employees and the public at all of Michigan's Department of State branch offices to share ideas regarding better ways of addressing customers' needs. Soon thereafter, she began implementing a strategy to modernize the branch office structure to better deliver services to today's customer and also position the department for the future.

Land is designated as Michigan's Chief Motor Vehicle Administrator, Chief Election Officer, and Keeper of the Great Seal. She is second in line of succession to the governor. She is a member of the State Administrative Board, the National Association of Secretaries of State, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Prior to her election, Land served as Kent County Clerk from 1992 to 2000, at a time of tremendous change and growth in Michigan's fourth-largest county. She achieved her goal of making county government easier to work with and more accessible by building coalitions with other members of county government, local and statewide judges, and the state legislature.

Land's involvement in politics began in high school, when she was a volunteer for the Gerald R. Ford for President campaign. She was one of the youngest attendees at the Republican State Convention in 1978. Heavy involvement with community organizations is also one of Land's traits. She is active with CyberMichigan.org, the Potter's House, and the Women's Resource Center.

Of all her accomplishments, Land is most proud of her family. She married Dan Hibma in 1983, and they have two children together, Jessica and Nicholas. They attend Corinth Reformed Church, where Land was nursery supervisor for years. A graduate of Grandville High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Hope College in Holland, Michigan.



ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE COX

Mike Cox was born on December 29, 1961, the son of Irish immigrants, John and Rita Cox. Mike grew up in Redford, Michigan, and attended schools in Redford and Detroit. Enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps after high school graduation, Mike served with distinction as a Marine for three years. During that service, Mike earned the Navy Achievement Medal and Command Marine of the Year designation. Upon discharge, Mike enrolled at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

It was at the University of Michigan that Mike decided to dedicate himself to public service as a prosecutor. In 1989, Mike graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and accepted a position with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. One year later, Mike transferred to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in Detroit to serve the community in which he was raised.

In 2000, Mike was appointed the Director of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Homicide Unit. As Director, Mike was responsible for the charging and trial of every homicide prosecution in Wayne County. During Mike's 13 years of prosecutorial service, he had a 90% conviction rate. Mike oversaw 14 specially assigned prosecutors who worked only on homicide cases. Mike's Homicide Unit prosecuted approximately 2/3 of all homicides in the state of Michigan. Under his leadership, the Homicide Unit expanded and developed several innovative programs, such as Operation Second Shot, a joint city/state/federal task force that investigates "cold cases." This operation has led to the investigation and solving of numerous homicides in our state.

Prior to leading the Homicide Unit, Mike spent years prosecuting organized crime cases, ranging from public corruption cases to drug and gang-related homicides. He tried well over 125 jury trials, in addition to hundreds of bench trials. Mike is a highly respected trial lawyer and manager, known for his intellect, skill, and unwavering integrity.

Mike's wife Laura is a former federal agent. Mike and Laura have four children, two daughters and two sons.



STATE TREASURER JAY B. RISING

Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Jay B. Rising as State Treasurer, effective January 6, 2003. As Treasurer, Mr. Rising oversees the collection, investment, and disbursement of all state monies. In addition, the Treasurer administers major tax laws, safeguards the credit of the state, and distributes revenue sharing monies to local units of government. Before accepting his appointment, Mr. Rising practiced law with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. Practice areas included Public Law, State and Municipal Finance, Public Securities, and Development Finance. Mr. Rising also served as Deputy State Treasurer for Policy Development and Finance and as Chief Deputy State Treasurer between 1983 and 1991.

Mr. Rising holds a law degree from Wayne State University. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MICHAEL FLANAGAN

Michael Flanagan has a long record of commitment to education in Michigan. Prior to his 2005 selection by the State Board of Education as Michigan's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Flanagan served as the Executive Director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and as the head of the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators. Mr. Flanagan's career in public education includes service as the Superintendent of the Farmington/Farmington Hills School District and seven years of leadership with the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency. In this role, he pushed to address the challenges facing our schools through a commitment to the mission of "Leading . . . Learning for All." In 1997, he founded the Jefferson Center, an educational think tank with the mission "to stimulate thought-provoking discussion and research reflecting diverse views on the education of the public and its role in preserving our democracy." In 2003, he served as Governor Granholm's education advisor as the new administration began its service.

His work with a host of local, state, and national groups reflects Mike Flanagan's wide-ranging participation in all aspects of public education over the years. He has devoted himself to this work as the chair of the nonprofit coalition Education Alliance of Michigan; as leader with the Michigan Institute for Educational Management, Michigan School Business Officials, the Ready to Succeed Partnership, and the Michigan Virtual University; and as a board member for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Training Alliance. President Clinton, Governor Engler, and Detroit Mayor Archer have all appointed Mr. Flanagan to various educational and civic boards and advisory groups. These efforts have earned numerous awards and recognition for Mr. Flanagan from organizations that include parent-teacher organizations, the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, Michigan Special Olympics, Michigan State University, Notre Dame University, the Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists, and Michigan School Business Officials.

Mr. Flanagan, who holds degrees from Eastern Michigan University and Notre Dame University and has continued graduate studies at Michigan State University, is married to Anna and has three children, Mike, Brian, and Christa.

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION





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JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Governor MICHAEL FLANAGAN, Superintendent of Public Instruction

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Members

The eight voting members of the Michigan State Board of Education are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for 8-year terms. Two are elected every 2 years in the general election. In addition, there are two nonvoting, ex officio members — the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction, who is chairman of the board. Any vacancies on the board which occur between elections are filled through appointment by the governor for the remainder of the term.

The state board elects its own officers for 2-year terms. It also selects and appoints the state superintendent of public instruction, who administers the Michigan Department of Education.

The state board of education is at the core of an unusual state education system which seeks to carry out Michigan's long tradition of local control balanced against the overall needs of the people statewide.

# Historical Background

The Northwest Ordinance in 1787 encouraged schools and the means of education.

In 1809, nearly three decades before statehood, Michigan territorial law directed each judicial district to start schools and collect a tax for them. The territorial council made it mandatory in 1829 to divide the townships into school districts and gave the state the right to inspect and supervise schools and to set the length of time each would be open.

Michigan's first constitution, in 1835, created the office of superintendent of public instruction. John D. Pierce, a New England clergyman who had come to Michigan as a frontier missionary, was named the first superintendent, becoming the first independent administrator of education under a state constitution in the United States.

Michigan became a state in 1837 and adopted a new constitution in 1850 which formalized the state board of education as a **constitutional body**. The state board of education was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1849 to administer what is now Eastern Michigan University. Many duties were extended to the board over the years, but the current responsibilities were established in the 1963 state constitution.

### Constitutional Powers

The state constitution provides:

Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

Const. 1963, art. VIII, sec. 3 (in part)

The state board of education exercises its constitutional duties of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. The state board advises the legislature on the financial requirements of baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.

The state board of education has many direct supervisory duties in connection with local school districts and community colleges and indirect coordinating duties in connection with the 4-year state colleges and universities.

Among its several duties, the state board of education distributes state funds to local school districts; examines and in some cases approves, construction and financial plans of local districts; reimburses schools for certain programs such as school lunches, bus transportation, and remedial and special education; administers federal aid programs; and provides student financial aid. In addition, the state board appoints advisory councils and committees from the education community and general public to investigate, review, or make recommendations.